

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2021 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 15	Mar 15
Feb	Mar 26	Mar 30
Mar	Apr 16	Apr 20
Apr	May 21	May 25
May	Jun 23	Jun 23
Jun	Jul 16	Jul 20
Jul	Aug 20	Aug 24
Aug	Sep 17	Sep 21
Sep	Oct 22	Oct 26
Oct	Nov 19	Nov 23
Nov	Dec 17	Dec 21
Dec	Jan 25	Jan 25

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Leisure & Hospitality Employment
2020	Oct	1,512,700	119,700
	Nov	1,509,000	119,600
	Dec	1,513,400	117,700
2021	Jan	1,515,200	118,700
	Feb	1,510,800	120,200
	Mar	1,523,200	121,900
	Apr	1,517,600	123,600
	May	1,518,400	124,400

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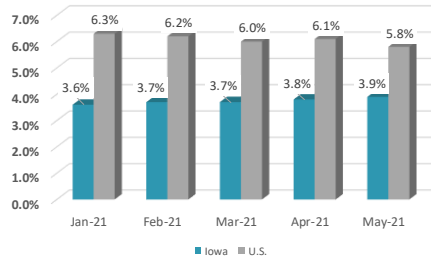
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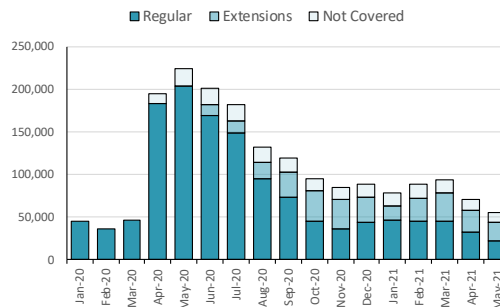
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates



- Iowa's unemployment rate increased slightly to 3.9 percent in May. The state's jobless rate was 8.3 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level grew to 1,584,000 in May from 1,579,000 in April.
- The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 5.8 percent in May.

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Recipients by Program Type



- About 22,400 persons received at least one regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefit payment during May 2021. This is a decrease from 32,900 in April 2021.
- The number of individuals who received a benefit payment from the PEUC program or the PUA program declined from 38,300 in April 2021 to 33,500 in May 2021.
- The PEUC programs provides additional weeks of benefits to persons who do not qualify for regular benefits such as self-employed and independent contractors.

- Total nonfarm employment increased by a slight 800 jobs in May. This follows a decrease of 5,600 jobs in April.
- Professional and business services led all sectors with 1,300 jobs added. Professional and business services alone gained 800 jobs.
- Leisure and hospitality added 800 jobs with gains evenly split within recreational industries and accommodations and food services.
- Durable goods factories gained 800 jobs and has now increased in three consecutive months.
- Retail trade is down 1,000 jobs in May and has now shed 3,500 jobs over the last three months.
- Financial activities lost 900 jobs. Many of these jobs dropped were in credit intermediation and related activities. This is the second consecutive decline for this sector.
- Construction decreased by 800 jobs and is down 2,300 jobs to start 2021.
- Compared to last May, total nonfarm employment has added 97,200 jobs. The largest gains have been in leisure and hospitality and trade and transportation. Construction and information have each shed 500 jobs over last year.

Total Nonfarm Employment January 2020 to May 2021

